

REGION 10 BULLETIN NO: 07-33

SUBJECT: Environmental Impact and Related Procedures

PROGRAM AREAS: Regulations

DATE: August 9, 2007

This notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) provides interested parties with the opportunity to comment on proposed changes to the joint Federal Transit Administration/Federal Highway Administration (FTA/FHWA) procedures that implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The revisions are prompted by enactment of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), which prescribes additional requirements for environmental review and project decision-making that are not appropriately reflected in the existing joint NEPA procedures. Pursuant to provisions of SAFETEA-LU, this NPRM proposes to add new categorical exclusions (CEs) from the NEPA process. This NPRM also proposes other minor changes to the joint procedures in order to improve the description of the procedures or to provide clarification with respect to the interpretation of certain provisions.

Comments must be received by October 9, 2007. Submit written comments to: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20590. You may submit comments identified by the docket number (FTA-2006-26604) by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- Web site: Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site <http://dms.dot.gov>.
- Fax: 1-202-493-2251.
- Mail: Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20590.
- Hand Delivery: To the Docket Management System; U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20590 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

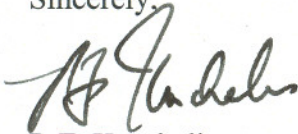
All submissions must include the agency name and docket number or Regulatory Identification Number (RIN) of this notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://dms.dot.gov> including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

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<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/07-3781.pdf>.

For further information, please contact Region 10's Linda Gehrke at 206-220-4463, or email linda.gehrke@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R.F. Krochalis". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "R" and a cursive "Krochalis".

R.F. Krochalis
Regional Administrator